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**LETTER DATED 11 MAY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ARMENIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL**

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from Mr. Levon Ter-Petrossian, President of Armenia, dated 9 May 1992, requesting an emergency meeting of the Security Council of the United Nations to discuss the escalation of the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh.

I would be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alexander ARZOUMANIAN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 9 May 1992 from the President of Armenia addressed
to the President of the Security Council

The Republic of Armenia has the honour to request that an emergency meeting of the Security Council of the United Nations be convened to discuss the escalation of the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh, the continuing blockade of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh and the threat of potential outside intervention in the region.

Pursuant to Article 35(1) of the Charter of the United Nations, Armenia hereby brings the situation of armed conflict and illegal economic blockades in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and on the border between Armenia and Azerbaijan to the Security Council. While Armenia is not a party to the dispute between the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and the Azerbaijani Republic, it has been the subject of cross-border attacks from and illegal blockades by Azerbaijan.

Accordingly, the Republic of Armenia is specifically requesting the Security Council (a) to dispatch peace-keeping forces to the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic and (b) to order such other measures to compel the lifting of economic blockades, maintain and restore international peace and security and protect human rights as it deems necessary. Armenia requests that the Security Council also take measures to ensure that all States Members of the United Nations respect their obligations under the Charter and refrain from any and all intervention in the region.

Through recent mediation efforts of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijan have agreed to cease-fires, however temporary. The combatants and, more importantly, the local civilian population lack the necessary confidence for the agreements alone to effect a permanent cease-fire. An international peace-keeping force has become essential if the inhabitants of Nagorno-Karabakh are to believe that cease-fires will be respected, a permanent peace process secured and human rights guaranteed.

We are convinced that, without the international guarantees which only a United Nations peace-keeping force can provide, the conflict's steady escalation will continue, placing in grave jeopardy the security of the region and ultimately the world.

(Signed) Levon TER-PETROSIAN
President of Armenia
